

Document Based Question Scoring Rubric (adapted from AP DBQ Essay Scoring Rubric)

Score	Thesis	Context	Supporting evidence	Analysis of Documents	Corroborating of documents	Structure
5 Exceeds Expectations	€ Contains a well-developed thesis that clearly addresses the nature of the question	€ In a DBQ question, significant outside information is also included in the response	€ Supports thesis with substantial and relevant information	€ Presents an effective analysis of both sides of the item in question; treatment may be uneven (the better essays try to devote about equal coverage to both sides)	€ In a DBQ question, a substantial number of documents are used	€ Is clearly organized and well written € May contain minor errors
4-3 Meets Expectations	€ Contains a thesis which addresses the topic of the question (limited development)	€ May contain factual errors that do not seriously detract from the quality or argument of the essay € In a DBQ question, supports thesis with some outside information	€ Supports thesis with some information	€ Has limited analysis and exhibits limited understanding of complexity	€ In a DBQ question, some documents are used effectively	€ Shows evidence of acceptable organization and writing; language errors do not interfere with comprehension
2-1 Developing	€ Presents a limited, confused and/or poorly developed thesis	€ May contain major factual or interpretive errors € In a DBQ question, contains little outside information, or information that is generally comprehension	€ Has minimal or irrelevant supporting information	€ Contains little or no analysis and is mostly descriptive	€ In a DBQ question, quotes or briefly cites documents	€ Confusing organization and writing; organization and language errors interfere with comprehension
0 Needs Attention	€ Contains no thesis, or a thesis which does not address the question	€ Contains numerous errors, both major and minor € In a DBQ question, offers inappropriate or no outside information	€ Contains no supporting information, or only irrelevant information	€ Exhibits inadequate or inaccurate understanding of the question (analysis is absent)	€ In a DBQ question, exhibits little or no understanding of documents, or ignores them completely	€ Is so poorly organized or written that it inhibits understanding
Earned Score						
Total Points Earned (30-1)						

